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LAKE-OF-THE-CLOUDS.

BY ARTHUR L. MESERVE.

Hernjyou seen this hermit lake, . High on the mountain's creat, Fringed round with moss and hazel-brak Where caverns deep, where echoes wake At every sound the comers make, And they sit them down to rest?

Did e'er you climb the mountain steep, On a golden summer day, In tiny waves around your feet, And silver clouds around you sweep, As they roll on their way?

Haply, when all was calm and still, And wind had sank to rest, On a storm-beat cliff you've drank your fill Gazing on the mirrored, mighty hill," That no power but the Master's will . Could have reared the noble crest.

Pilgrims from every clime and land Have drank from the hermit lake; Strangers from 'youd the ocean's strand Have mingled with the native band, And gazed on the wondrous mountains grand, State size

And the glens their vehocs wake.

* Lake-of-the-Clouds is a beautiful sheet of water, lying within a mile and a half of the summit of Mount Washington. It is very clear, and mirrors the summits of the surrounding mountains with great distinctness.

The Justice of the Nagib.

After the evening prayer, I took my way to the Tower, calling, by the way, on Seid-Ahmed, with, whom in our late ramble, I had arranged an early meeting.

We found the Nagib seated upou his cushions, at the door of his vestibule. There, surrounded by his chiefs and a crowd of retainers, he rendered important decisions while smoking his chicha.

The audience was a large one - for Seid-Abd'el-Rahman was very popular with his people, owing, in great measure, to his accessibility to all— Mussulman, Sobian, or Jew, provided

ed for him among the members of the ter merchant his portion.

Curious to witness an example of ommenced.

cases there were two particularly re-markable for the judgments rendered upon them.

The first of these two cases was one between a katib and a fellahthat is a writer and a peasant—the wife of the latter having been taken away from him by the former, who maintained that he had a claim upon

The weman declined to acknow-ledge either the one or the other of them as her husband, or, rather she ecknowledged them both—a view of the case which rendered it decidedly

embarrassing.

Having heard goth sides, and reflected a moment, he Nagib said, addressing claimants. Leave this woman here, and return in half an hour, on which the kaib and fellah mde their salutations and retired, hearing

The accompanse was one between a fekat and a zibdaj, or in other words a frujterer and a batter-merchant the latter very much besmeared with

At this I bowed very low indeed, and said:

The fruiterer said, "I had been to buy some butter from this man, and drew out my purse, full of money, to pay for the butter he had put in my goulla, when tempted by the sight of the coins he selzed me by the wrist. I cried 'thiel' but he would not be me go: and thus have we come before you. I aque zing my money in my hand, and he grasping my wrist. And now, by Mohammed, our Great Prophet, I swear that this manifers in siving that I have easien his meney for that money is truly mine.

The butter merchant said, This man came to buy a goulla of butter from me, and when I had filled it, he said 'Hast, then charge of an abuse meths (Spanish pisater)? I searched my pocket, from which I drew out the man who is no better?

upon the cilf of my shop, from which he snatched it, and was going off with my butter and my money, when I seized him by the wrist and eried thief! but in spite of my cries, he

my hand full of money, which I placed

and I have brought him hither, in order that you may judge between us.

And now, by Mohammed, our Great Prophet, I swear that this man lies in for that money is truly mine."

The Nagib caused the complainants

to repeat thefr charges twice, but neither of them varied from his first statement. Then he said, after a mo-ments reflection, "Leave this money here, and return in half an hour," on which the fruiterer, who had all slong kept his hold of the money, deposited it in a woodan bowl, brought by one of the guard-and both complainants, having made their salutations, retired.

When they were gone, the Nagib quitted his seat at the door of the vestibule, and went uplinto the fourth story of the lower, taking with him the woman and the money in dispute. At the appointed moment he returned with them, and went back calmly to his seat. The parties interested were all present, and the katib and fellah ed. In going up stairs he was oblig-

were called up.
"Here," said the Nagib, addressing the katib, take thy wife, and lead her away, for she is thine truly."

Then, turning to his guard and pointing to the fellah, he said, "Give this man fifty blows of courbash on the soles of his feet."

The katib walked off with his wife, and the guards gave the fellah fifty blows of a courbash on the soles of feet Next came the fruiterer and the

butter-merchant, in their turn. "Here,, said the Nagib to the fruiterer, here is thy money; verily didst

and never did it belong to him by not be done to alleviate the pain.—

Some interruption occurred, however, pointing to the bitter-merciant, he said,

decree based upon equity as well as courbash on the soles of his feet." in a proper spirit, some Divine assis-The fruiterer walked off with his tance might not be vouchsafed, as in Seid-Ahmed took the place reserv- money, and the guards gave the but- the old time, when the prophets and

'Nothing more simple," replied he. the justice of the country, I took up "You saw how I went up into the the most convenient position for see- fourth story with the woman and the ing and hearing, and the audience money. Well, when we arrived there I ordered her, suddenly, to clean my There were women who complain- inkhorn, when, like one accestomed to ed of ill-treatment on the part of their that work, she at once took it. drew husbands; men who accused their out the cotton from it, washed it prop-wives of fruity, or of sterility; divi- erly, replaced it on the stand, and filled sions of inheritance to adjust; thefts it with fresh ink. Then said I to my-and frauds to punish; among which self. If you were the wife of the fel-cases there were two particularly re-lab, you never could have cleaned in inkhorn like that; you must be the

"Good!" said I, bowing in token of assent. "So much for the woman.

And how about the money ?" The money was quite snother busidess.' replies the Nagib, smiling with a self-satisfied expression, as he leered at me with a look full of ar fulness and craft. "You must have re marked how buttery the butter-merchant was, and how greasy his hands were in particular. Well, I put the money into a vessel of hot water, and upon examining the water carefully I could not find that a single particle of grease had come to the surface. Then said I to myself, This money belongs to the fruiterer, and not the butter merchant; for had it belonged to the latter, it must have been greasy and grease would have shown on the surface of the water."

At this I bowed very low indeed and said :

A Curious Incident.

It would seem from an occurrence that has lately been related to us, up-on perfectly reliable authority, that the age of miracles has not entirely passed away. The writer is well ac-quainted with the person who was the subject of the remarkable experience given below, having known him personally for the last twelve years; and though he has not met him since his singular relief from a congenical defect, has the particulars from persons in every way entitled to credit, who have seen him any received the story from his own lips.

Leaving our readers to determine for themselves how far the intervention of a miraculous aid may have contributed in the matter, and how far it was the result of mere natural or ordinary agencies, we give the story as it was told to us :--

The person in question is a gentle-man residing in Beloit, in this State-From his birth he has suffered from lameness. The difficulty was in his right hip, the joint seeming to be out of place. His right leg was, in consequence, shorter than the other. It was shrunken and very weak; he always were a boot with a thick sole upon it. and limped badly when he walked to step up one step at a time with his well leg, and bring the other up to it instead of putting it forward to the next, as persons usually go up stairs. When fatigued, he was acenstomed to feel great pain in his hip. Some two or three months ago he was in Chicago attending to some business matters which kept him for several weeks. He is a professor of religion, and while there attended a series of religious meetings, becoming very deeply interested in the subject. One Saturday, suffering from very sewere pain in his hip, he called upon a surgeon to have it examined and to ascertain whether semething could

joint in its proper place. During the operation he had the impression of suffering a severe physical pain, as if really under the knife of a surgeon.— After it, he had no further remem-

brance of anything until morning. Upon rising, he found, to his utter as snishment, not only that his short leg was lengthened out so as to be ev-en with the other, and his hip all right, but that he could walk without limpabout the room several times, these put on his clothes and ran up and down stairs to assure himself that he was awake and no longer a lame man but sound and whole. His joy and gratitude cannot well be described.—
He immediately discarded the boot with the false sole, which had nitherto been a necessity, and put on a pair that were mates. His leg was yet weak, though Empine slightly from long habit, he could waik as attaight as my other man when he phose. It has since grown stronger, and his gen-eral health very m terially improved. He, of course, considers the cure direct masser to his supplications. Madison (Wis.) State Journal.

People," sava a medern phil esopher, "go according to their brayns; if these lie in their head, they study; chief maintained that he had a good title to his land, because he had eaten the former owner.

Or Retting is immoral; but, how can the man who is no better?

It these he in their had, they study; if in their heels, they dance," and if they lie anywhere else other performances may be expected—hence the brains of the industrious may be supposed to lie in their hands, whilst the pugilist's is in his fists.

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ever.-On the surface of the moon are seen numerous streaks of narrow lives, about one hundred in number. which appear, perhaps, more like ner-row furrows than anything else.-Sometimes they spread themselves on the lunar disc in straight lines. Some-times they are slightly curved; in ev ery case they are shut in between still and parallel borders. It has often been supposed that these furrows, the true nature of which has remained

VEGETATION ON THE MOON'S SUE-

hitherto unknown, represent the beds of ancient dried-up rivers, or rivers that have ceased to flow.

Other astronomors' think they are streams of lava which have been vem ited by lunar volcanos, and which re flect the light of the sun with more intensity than the adjacent regions.-Mr. Schwabe, a German astronomer, endeavors to give them another expla nation. He has published in the Astronomische Nachrichten, some facts which end to show that these lines are the result of vegetation on the surface of the moon. According to the author, if the surface of the meon be examined attentively with a good telescope and a proper illumination, we discover between the lines or luminous furrows of the high mountain cal-led Tycho, and on different other points a quantity of very delicate paralle lines of the greenish tint, which were not visible some months before the observation, and which disappeared a few months after, to return again-

in the proper season. Theso lines, which are darker than the adjacent parts, are clearly the re-sult of vegetation that makes the sterile parts of the moon appear as bright luminous streaks. According to Mr. Schwabe, these lines of vegetation are more particularly visible on the very bright parts of the moon which are circumscribed by the mountains Hip-parens, Albateguius, Werner. Stoeff-

er, Maurolycus, Gemma-Frisius, Pi-columoni, Catharina, Abanfeda, Regio-Montarious, Hell [a discovery | peoofe have been guised into the rie of that being a pit, and now we find it is a mountain in the moon. Gaurioias, Wurz, Elbaner, Hensins and Count

LITTLE BETTIE .- 'Hand me some spostles walked on the earth. He water, Buddy, won't you ?" "in a tribunal, while for myself, after the When the court had risen, I asked arose from his bed, procured a light, minute, Bettie's feverinterchange of the usual compliments the Nagib how he had ascertained that the Nagib ordered a chiboque to be the woman was the wife of the katib, brought, which he lighted and presented to me with his own hands.

On the usual compliments the Nagib how he had ascertained that and taking his bible, opened by chance ish cheeks were pressed again to the to a chapter in the New Testament, pillow, and lit le Harry's hands went where the Christ miraculously cures a lame man. After reading it, he proceeded to forgot the request. "Please get it invoke, by earnest prayer, some sim- now. Buddy, he at last heard, and ilar intervention in his own behalf, and then feeling greatly cheered and supported by trust in Divine beneficence, he again retired to rest, and soon fell asleep. During the night this, please, but some fresh and cold he dreamed that the Savier came to from the well." she said. "Oh, don't frim secompanied by a surgeon—the be so particular, Bettie; this is fresh. the day. The surgeon examined his Won't this do?" She to long r rehip, and told him it could be relieved, fused, but quietly took the cup which but only by an operation. To this he offered; and it was the last time objected, desiring that it should be she ever called upon her brother for postponed; but the surgeon seemed an act of kindness. Ere another day suddenly to seize and overpower him, had passed she stood beside the River and with some instrument laid open of Life and drank of its cool waters his hip to the bone, and arranged the never to thirst again. And of all who wept over that little brown coffin, as it lay upon the table before the pulpit there were none who shed more bitter tears than that little boy, who could not forget that he had refused the last request of his little sister .- Old Al-

A YANKER PRAYER BEFORE BURKA Vista .-- A Yankee from Maine, being at Buena Vista the night before the battle, and somewhat goubtful of the result, went out of hearing, as he supposed, and made the following

Oh Lord, here we are about four thousand of us and twenty thousand Mexicons, enough to swallow us without greasin'. Now, if You can belo us, do it-and if You can't, don't fo heaven's sake, don't help the Mexicans, and just hold on until to-morrow and You'll see the awfulest sight You ever saw in Your life. Yours respectfully, amen.

LET HER Go. - "I was," sa,d the reverend gentleman "a'tending divine service, in Norfolk, severni years ago. during a season of some excitement. While the officieting clergyman was in the midst of a most interesting discourse, an old lady among the course gation, arose, clapped har hands, and exclaimed "Merciful Father, if I had one more feather in my wing of faith, I would thy off to glory." The worth genile man thus interrupted, immediately replied, "Good Lord, stick it is and let her go, she's but a trouble here." That quieted the old lady.